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**PETITION TO CORRECT FILING DATE**

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Dear Sir:

The present petition requests that the filing date be corrected to accurately reflect the date of Express Mail Deposit of the above identified application with the United States Post Office. While it is believed that the deposit date was correctly entered on the Express Mail Filing Receipt, the applicant acknowledges that at least applicant's carbon copy is extremely faint and only barely legible, but confirms a filing date of December 31, 2003. However, attempts to photocopy the carbon copy of the Express Mail Filing Receipt have been extremely problematic, with all attempts producing copies, which are even less legible.

Nevertheless, the applicants have been able to obtain from the US Post Office, a copy of their internal tracking record for the express mail envelope, associated with the mailing of the application, which clearly confirms a date of deposit of December 31, 2003, a copy of which is attached. Additionally enclosed is a copy of the first page of the application, which associates the express mail label number EH743680640US with the present application. Based upon the clear confirmation on the date of deposit, and in view of the filing of a prompt petition requesting

correction of the filing date, which was discovered to be incorrect when the filing receipt was received and reviewed, the applicant would respectfully request that the filing date be corrected to December 31, 2003.

In connection with the present petition, a fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17(h), in the amount of \$130, is believed to be due. The applicant's representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge the aforementioned fee, as well as any other fees deemed to be necessary in connection with entry and consideration of the present petition including any fee required to cover any deficiency associated with any underpayment, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2117, of Motorola, Inc. Should any issues remain unresolved after the consideration of the present paper in association with the present petition, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicant's representative at the number listed below to discuss the same.

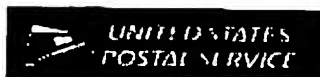
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## A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING ACCESS TO PRESENCE ATTRIBUTE INFORMATION

### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

5       The present invention relates generally to the management of a user's presence attributes, and more particularly, to the management of the access to the presence attribute information.

### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10       Presence attributes are presently used as a way to define, manage and convey a user's relationship relative to a communication network. Present definitions allow for several different types of information to be managed, including a user's geographical location, a user's on-line status and a user's availability. Presence attributes have even been discussed as a means to manage, record and convey a user's present mood.  
15       In general, presence attributes have the potential to convey a fair amount of personal information, which is linked to a particular user's current situation or status.

      Presence information has historically been used in instant messaging type applications. In at least some instances, an instant messaging system will allow a buddy list to be maintained, which can alert a user as to the on-line status of a predefined subset of users, even when a user is not actively attempting to  
20       communicate with an individual on the buddy list. A user's geographic information, in addition to a user's on-line status, may be further beneficial. A user may be able to determine that an individual they want to talk to is only a short distance away, making it equally convenient to discuss a matter in person.

25       Location information may also be useful in dispatching emergency personnel to the location of an emergency, like an accident, as it may help to identify which personnel are already located within the proximity of the scene of an accident and/or the location information may make it possible to direct the personnel to the location of a person in need of assistance. Alternatively, a courier service may be able to better  
30       schedule a package pick-up, if it knows where its drivers are presently located. Sometimes the availability of accurate presence attribute information may be